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AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action issued January 22, 2003 in the above, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks. Should any fee be necessary for consideration of this paper, or any refund due, please charge or credit our deposit account 22-0261 accordingly, and notify the undersigned.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim 1:

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1. (Amended) A gene expressed in a cholinergic neuron which encodes a protein having high-affinity choline transporter activity.

REMARKS

Claims 1-98 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended to further clarify the invention. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, for example at page 2 in the second paragraph. No new matter has been added.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group III, with traverse. Traversal is made for the following reasons.